

Acute Kidney Injury

Amandeep Khurana, MD

Clinical Assistant Professor, Univ of Arizona
Transplant Nephrologist, Southwest Kidney Institute

66 yr white male w/ DM, HTN, CAD admitted to an OSH w/ E Coli UTI, developed E Coli bacteremia and Shock (on vaso + levo) transferred to BUMC w/

- No UO x 12 hrs (despite IVF)
- Cr 1 (baseline 0.9)

Does this patient have AKI?

- A. No, the Cr is unchanged
- B. Yes, the patient is oligoanuric
- C. Unclear, will have to monitor for now

What is AKI?

- abrupt (within 48 hours)
- absolute increase in Cr of ≥ 0.3 mg/dL
- increase in Cr of ≥ 50 percent
- oliguria of (< 0.5 mL/kg/hr) X >6 hrs



Caveats

1. only after volume status had been optimized
2. Urinary tract obstruction to be excluded (if oliguria was sole diagnostic criterion)

	GFR criteria	Urine output criteria	
Risk	Increased SCreat x1.5 or GFR decrease >25 percent	UO <.5 mL/kg/h x 6 hr	High sensitivity
Injury	Increased SCreat x2 or GFR decrease >50 percent	UO <.5 mL/kg/h x 12 hr	
Failure	Increase SCreat x3 GFR decrease 75 percent OR SCreat ≥4 mg/dL <i>Acute rise ≥0.5 mg/dL</i>	UO <.3 mL/kg/h x 24 hr or Anuria x 12 hrs <i>Oliguria</i>	
Loss	Persistent ARF = complete loss of kidney function >4 weeks		High specificity
ESKD	End stage kidney disease (>3 months)		

Bellomo, R, Ronco, C, Kellum, JA, et al. Acute renal failure-definition, outcome measures, animal models, fluid therapy and information technology needs: the Second International Consensus Conference of the Acute Dialysis Quality Initiative (ADQI) Group. Crit Care 2004; 8:B204.

64 yr AAM w/ DM, HTN, CAD, baseline Cr = 0.9
undergo CABG. His post-op Cr:

Day #1 = 2

Day #2 = 3

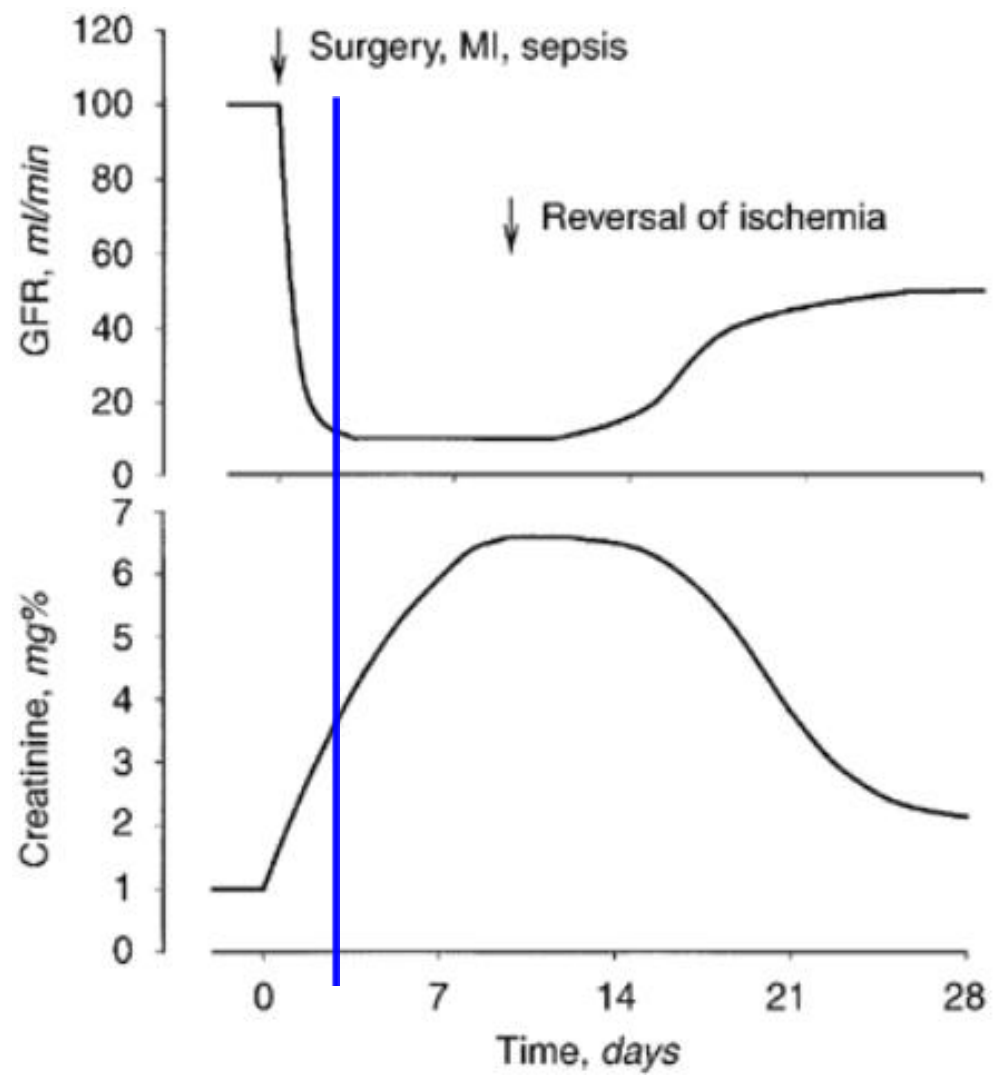
Day #4 = 4

Day #5 = 5

Is his kidney function getting worse from day 2 to
day 5?

A. Yes

B. No



64 yr twins w/ DM, HTN, CAD, baseline Cr = 0.9
undergo CABG. On post-op day #1,

Twin A: Cr = 1.5 (otherwise completely stable)

Twin B: Cr = 0.9 (otherwise completely stable)

- A. AKI does not change mortality risk
- B. They're both stable, their mortality risk is the same
- C. Twin A is more likely to die
- D. Twin B is more likely to die

Twin A is more likely to die. But, how much more likely?

- A. 10% more likely to die
- B. 25% more likely to die
- C. 75% more likely to die
- D. 400% more likely to die

Variables	≤25% Decrease in eGFR (n=2631)	>25% Decrease in eGFR or Dialysis (n=829)	>50% Decrease in eGFR or Dialysis (n=228)	>75% Decrease in eGFR or Dialysis (n=119)
Median hospital length of stay, d (Q1, Q3)*	7 (5, 9)	10 (6, 17)	14 (7, 27)	19 (6, 36)
Mortality rates				
n (%)	25 (1.0%)	83 (10%)	58 (25%)	46 (39%)
Unadjusted OR (95% CI)	Reference	11.6 (7.4–18.3)	21.7 (14.4–32.6)	33.3 (21.3–52.0)
Adjusted OR (95% CI)†	Reference	4.0 (2.3–6.7)	5.9 (3.6–9.8)	9.5 (5.4–16.9)

25 yr male without any PMH goes for a hike. He presents to the ER w/ AKI (Cr 2).

The FeNa is $< 1\%$.

What's the specificity of FeNa $< 1\%$ in diagnosis of pre-renal AKI?

- A. 34%
- B. 52%
- C. 78%
- D. 90%

FeNa. what is it really good for?

FENa < 1 indicates pre-renal azotemia

	Pre-renal azotemia	ATN (oliguric and non-oliguric)
FENa < 1	27	4
FENa > 1	3	51

Sensitivity: 90%

Specificity: 93%

FENa > 1 indicates ATN

	Pre-renal azotemia	ATN (oliguric and non-oliguric)
FENa > 1	3	51
FENa < 1	27	4

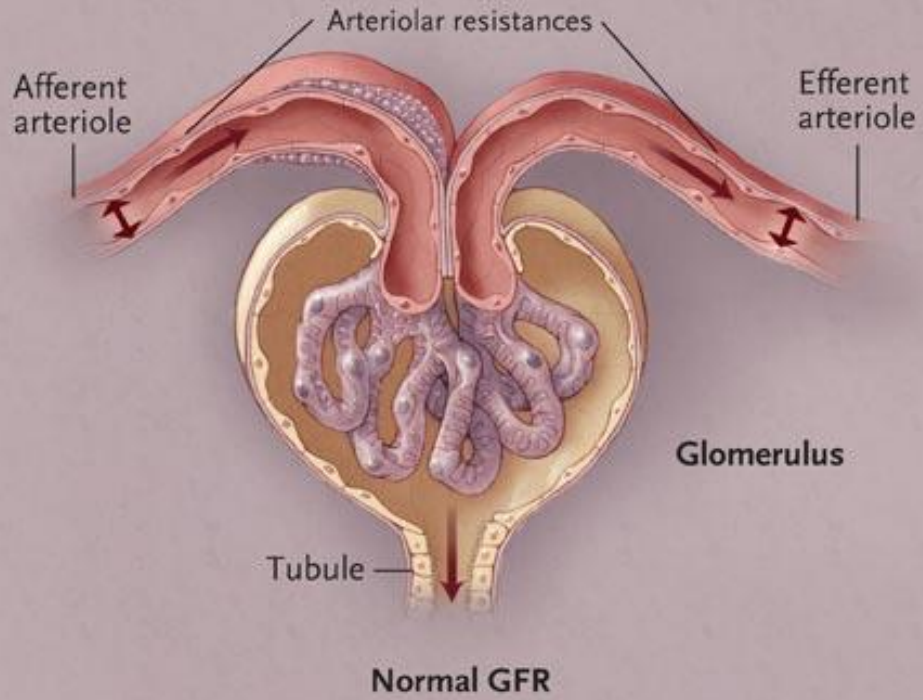
Sensitivity: 93%

Specificity: 90%

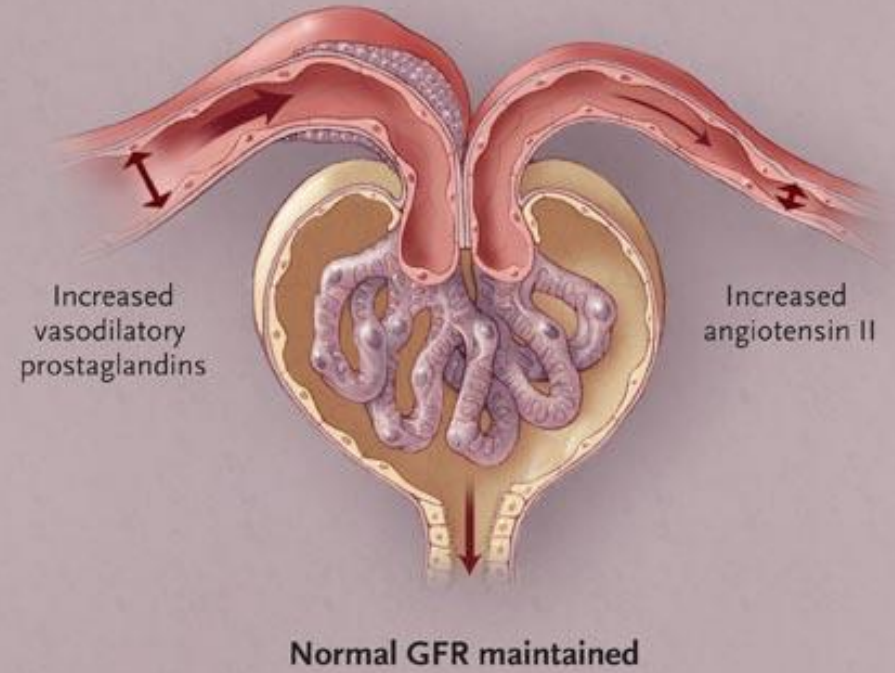
66 yr twins w/ HTN go for a hike and become hypovolemic. Twin A is on lisinopril and Twin B is on amlodipine. Are they both equally likely to develop pre-renal AKI?

- A. Yes
- B. No, Twin A is more likely
- C. No, Twin B is more likely

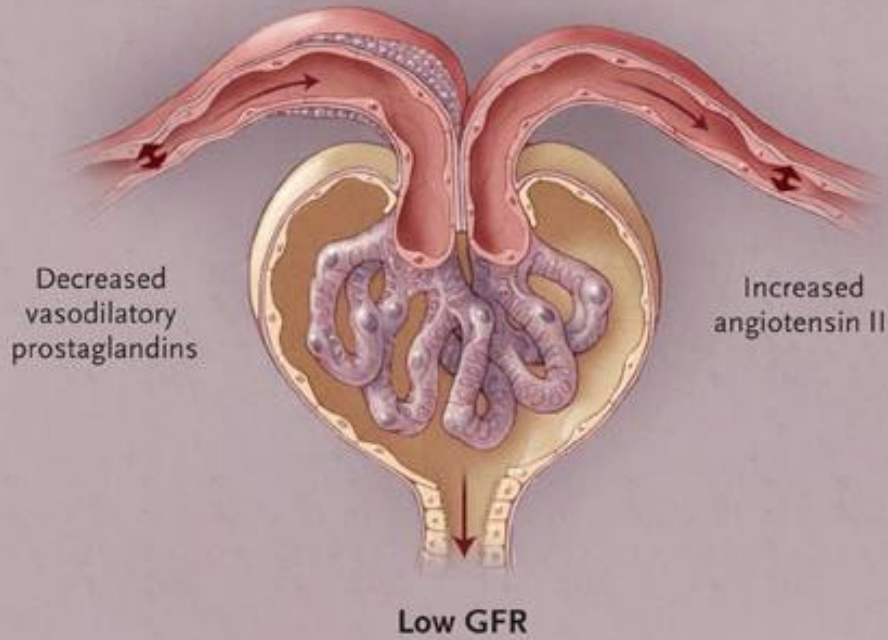
A Normal perfusion pressure



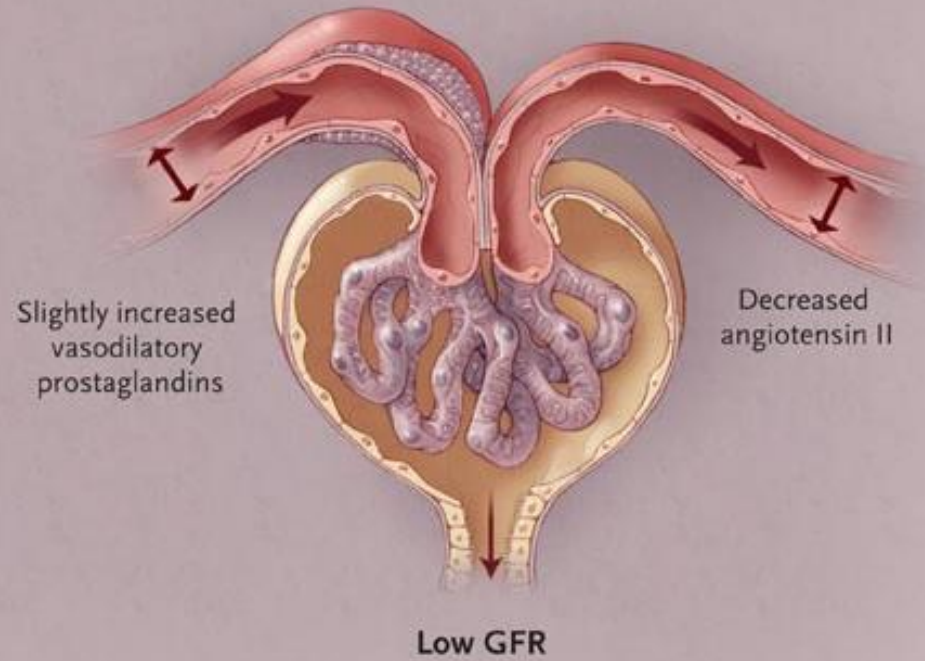
B Decreased perfusion pressure

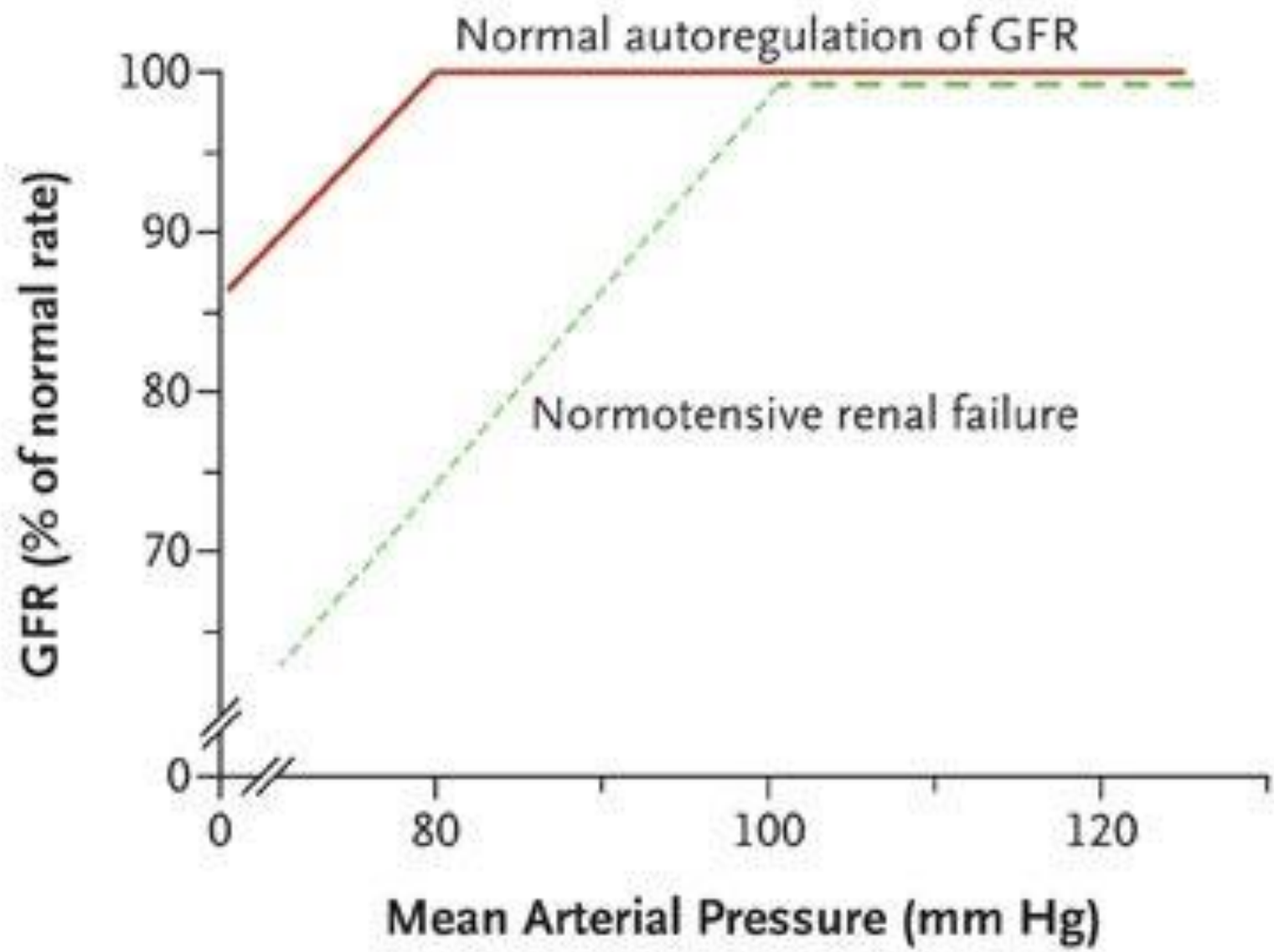


C Decreased perfusion pressure in the presence of NSAIDs



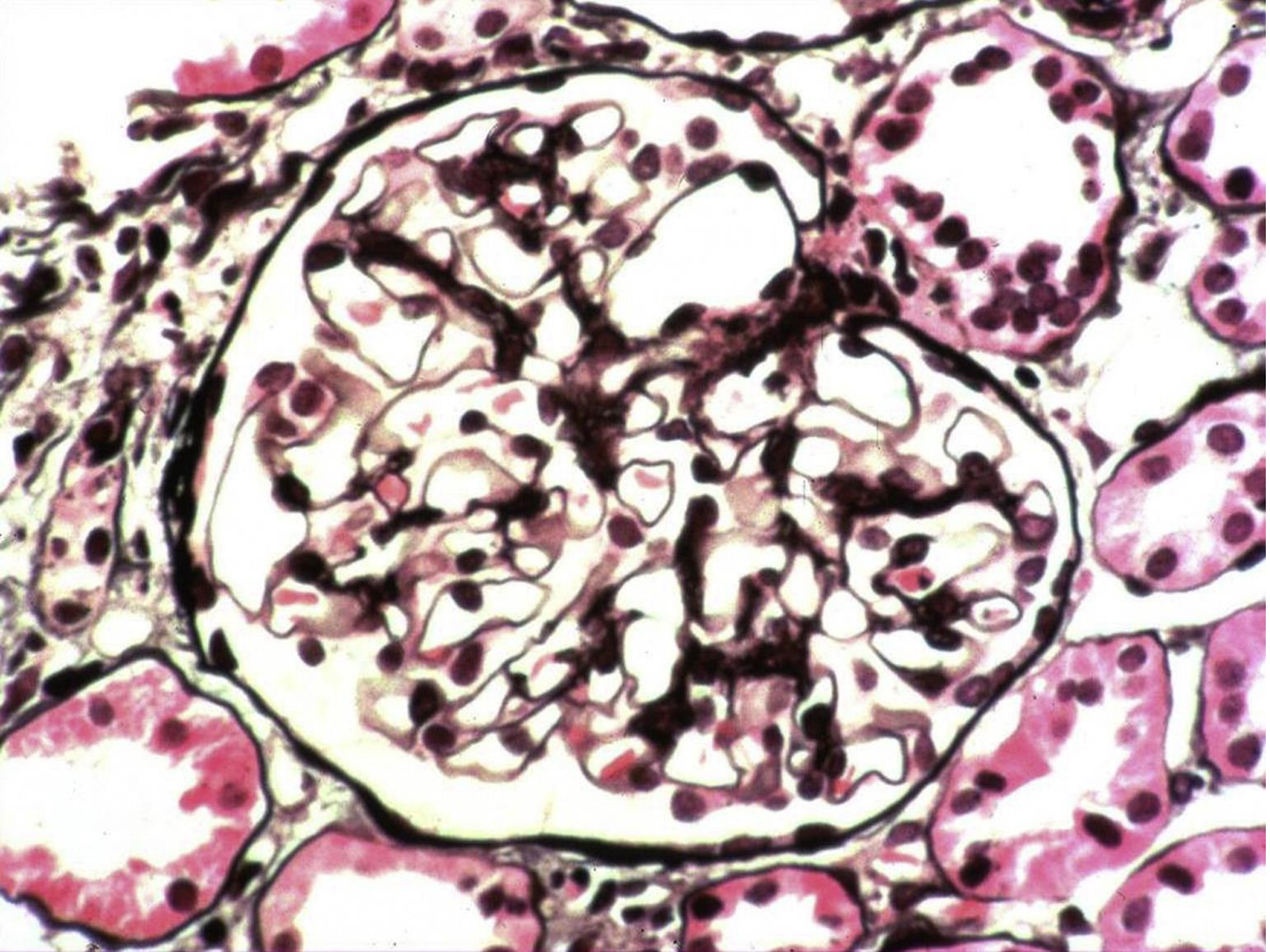
D Decreased perfusion pressure in the presence of ACEI or ARB





What will you see if you biopsy the twin with pre-renal AKI?

- A. Normal looking kidney
- B. Tubular damage
- C. Glomerular damage
- D. Afferent arteriolar vasodilatation

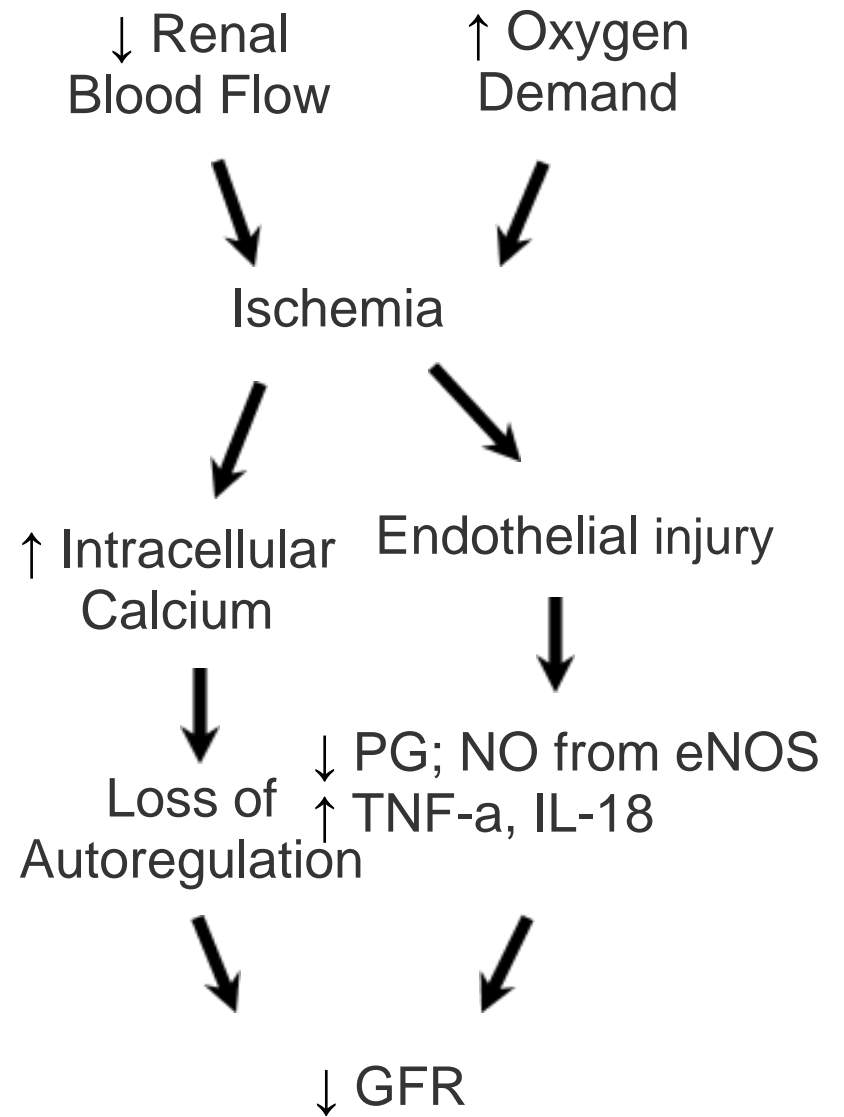
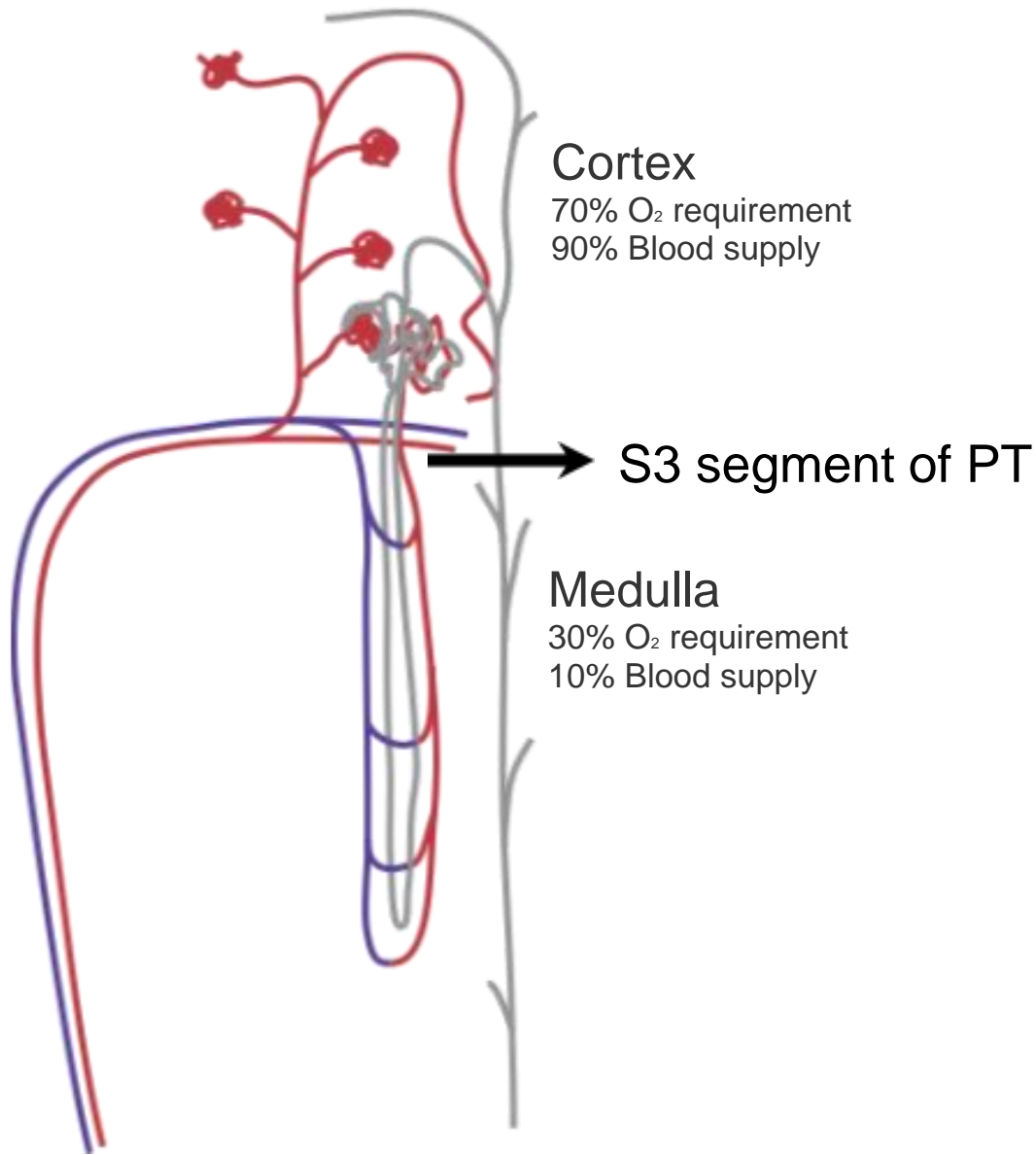


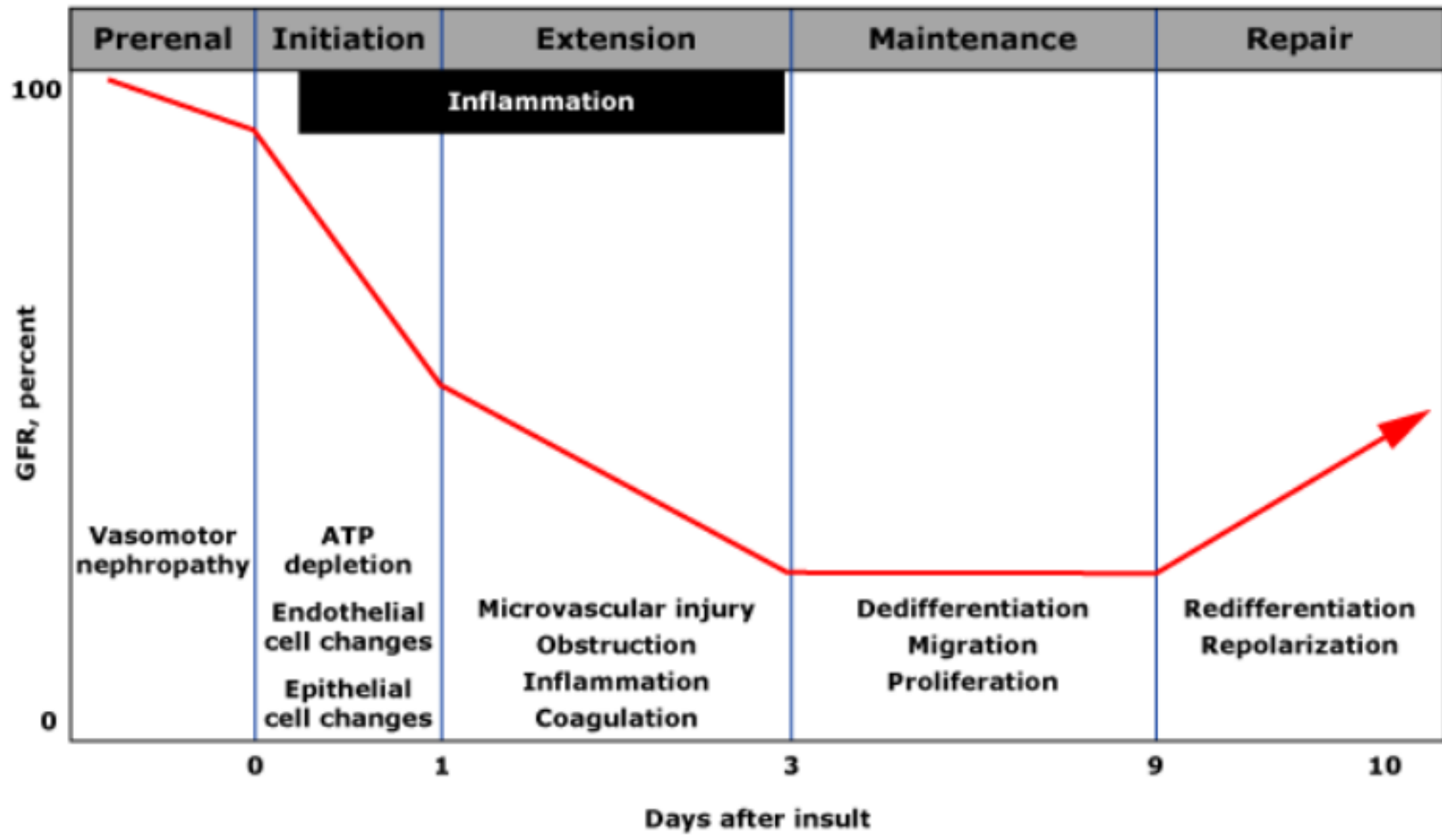
The twins don't get re-hydrated and end up being hypovolemic for 72 hours.

Can they develop ATN?

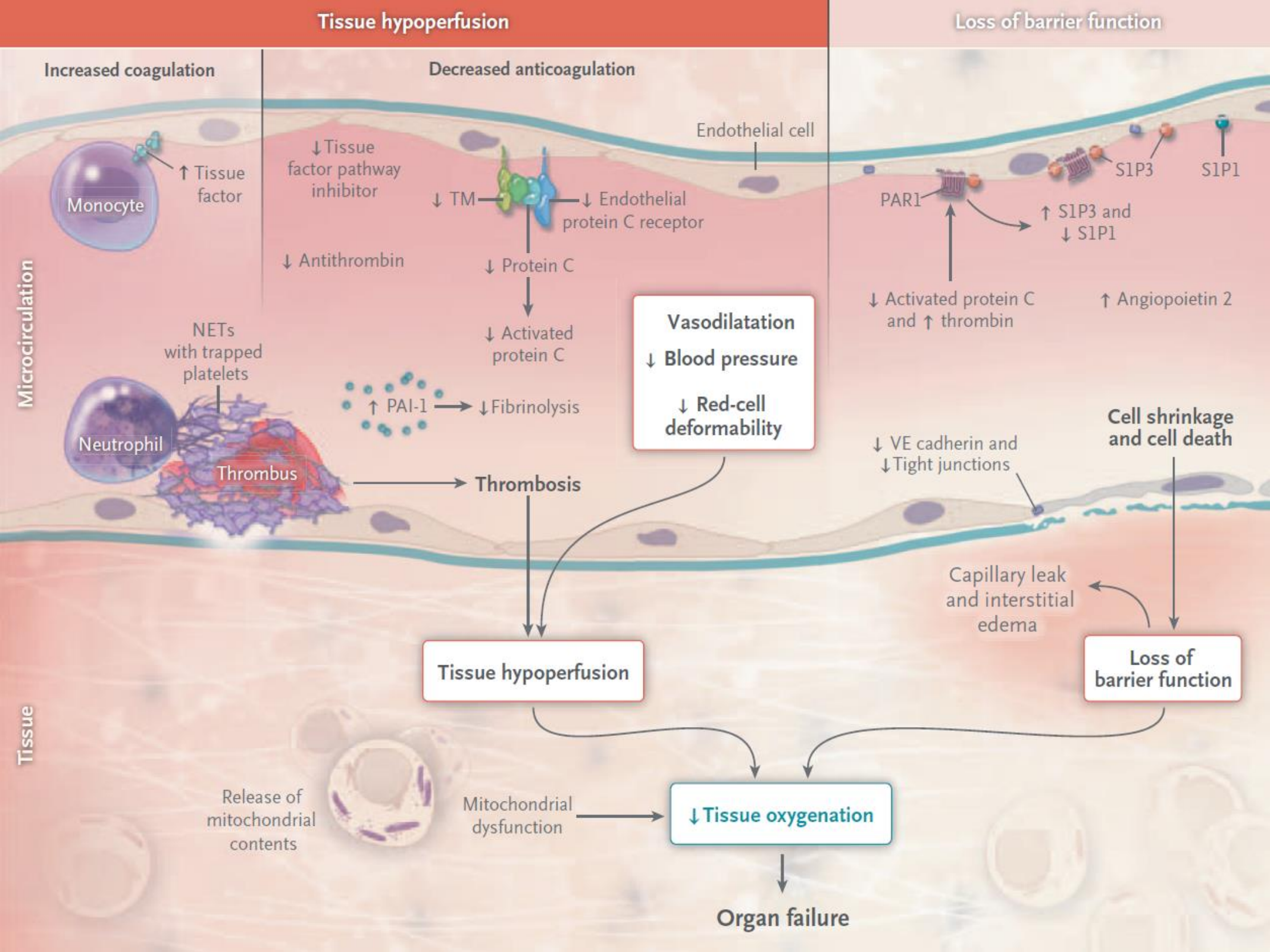
A. Yes

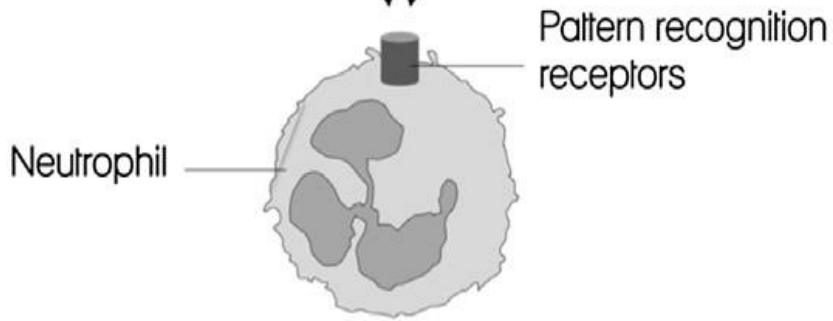
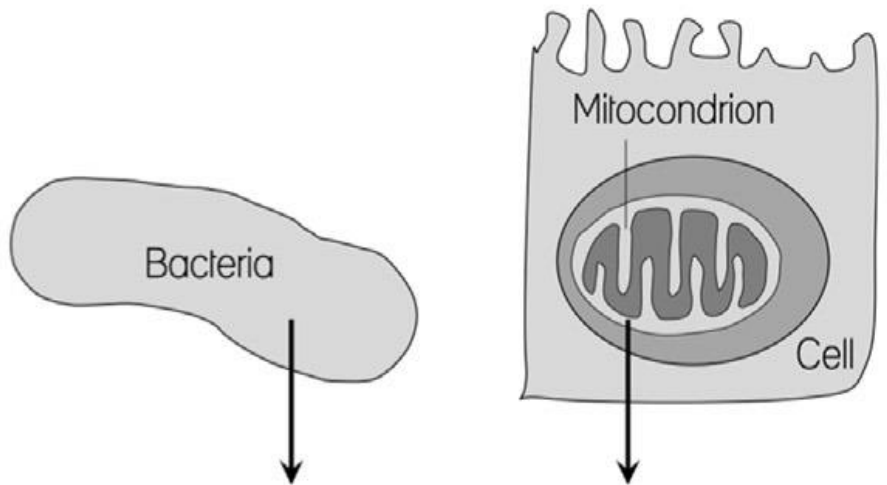
B. No





Adapted with permission from: Sutton, TA, Fisher, CJ, Molitoris, BA, et al. Microvascular endothelial injury and dysfunction during ischemic acute renal failure. *Kidney Int* 2002; 62:1539.





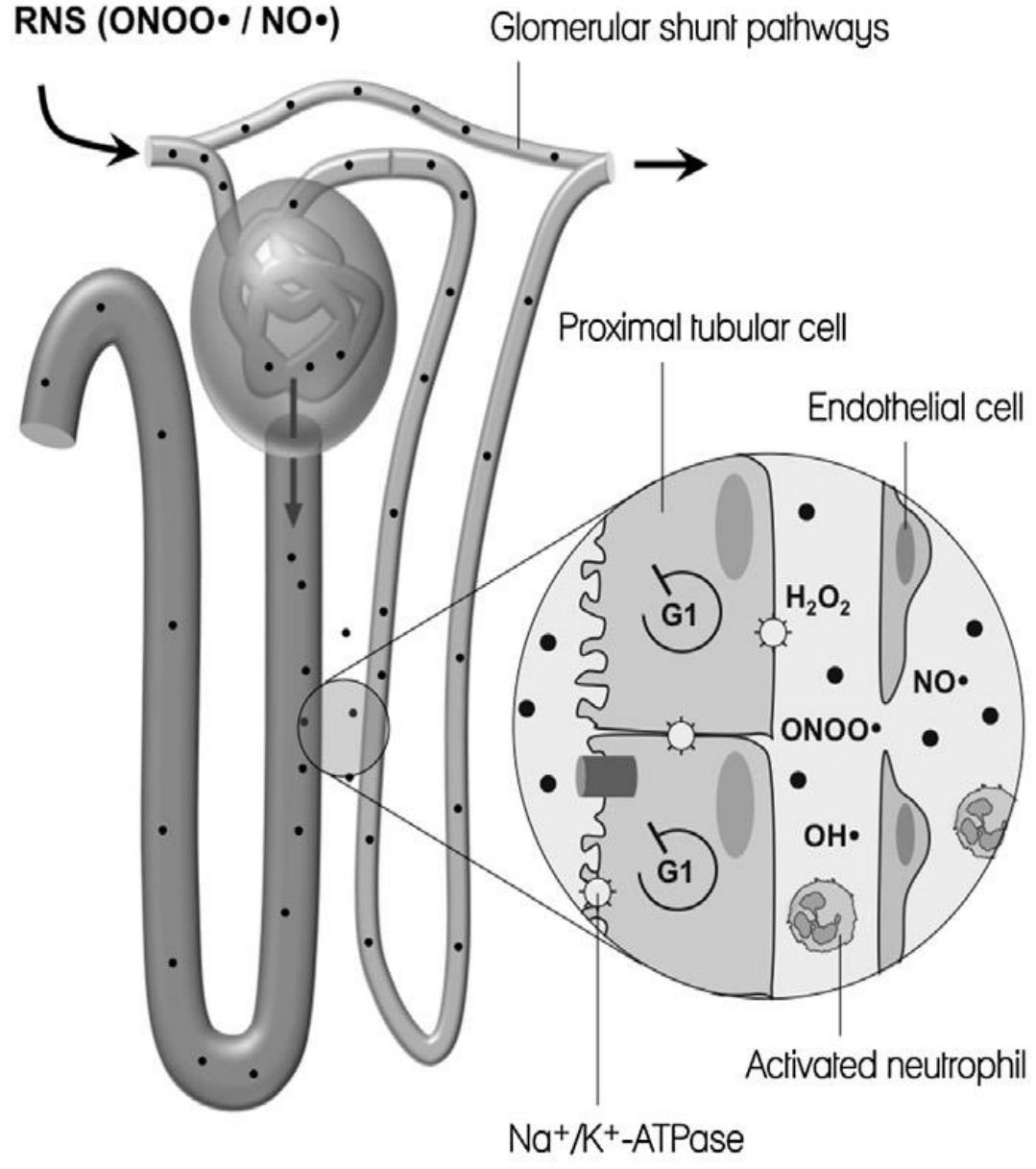
Cytokines, Chemokines, ROS, RNS

Acute kidney injury

PAMPs & DAMPs (●)

ROS (H_2O_2 / OH^\bullet)

RNS ($ONOO^\bullet$ / NO^\bullet)



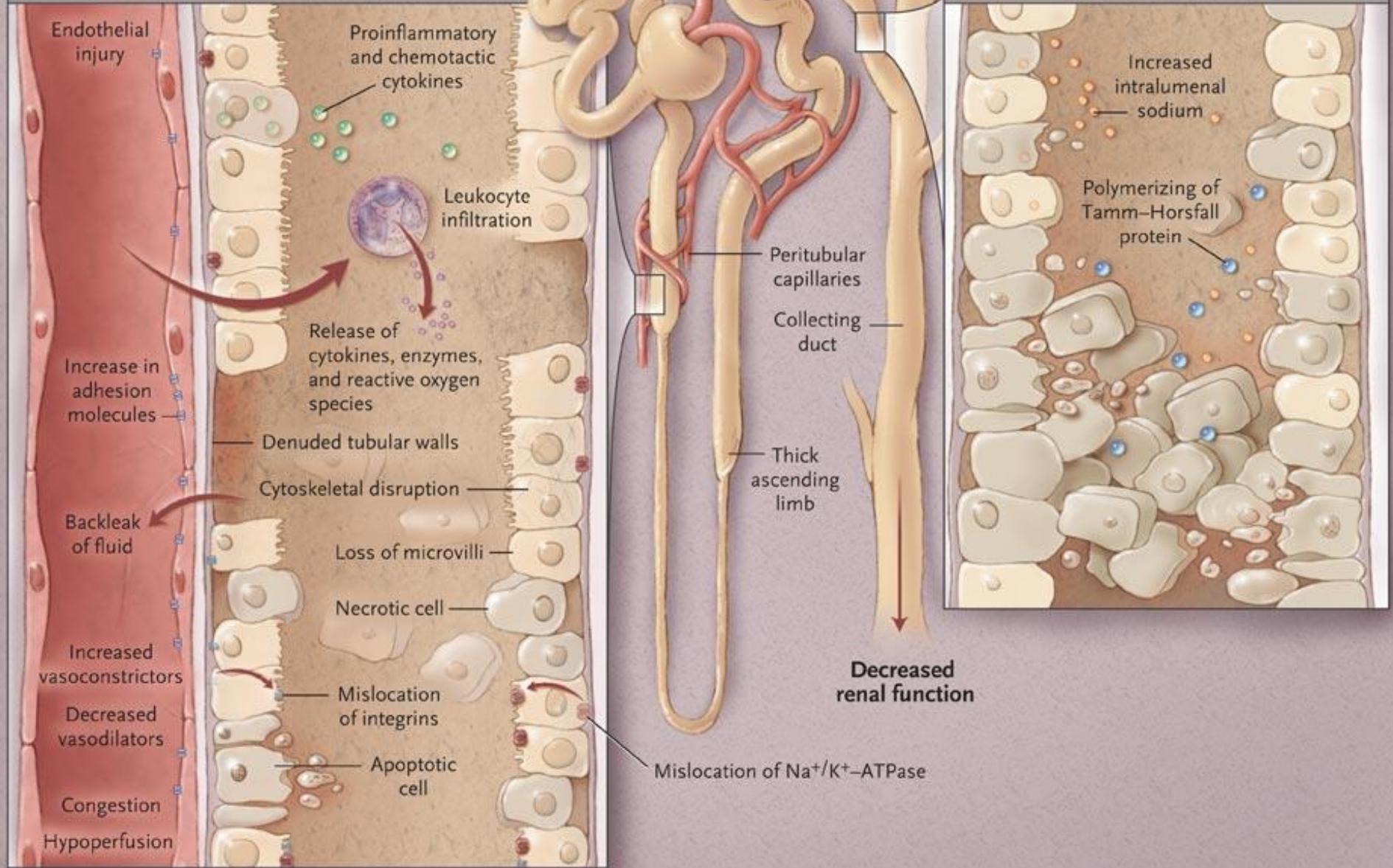
Oxygen depletion
ATP depletion
Metabolic changes

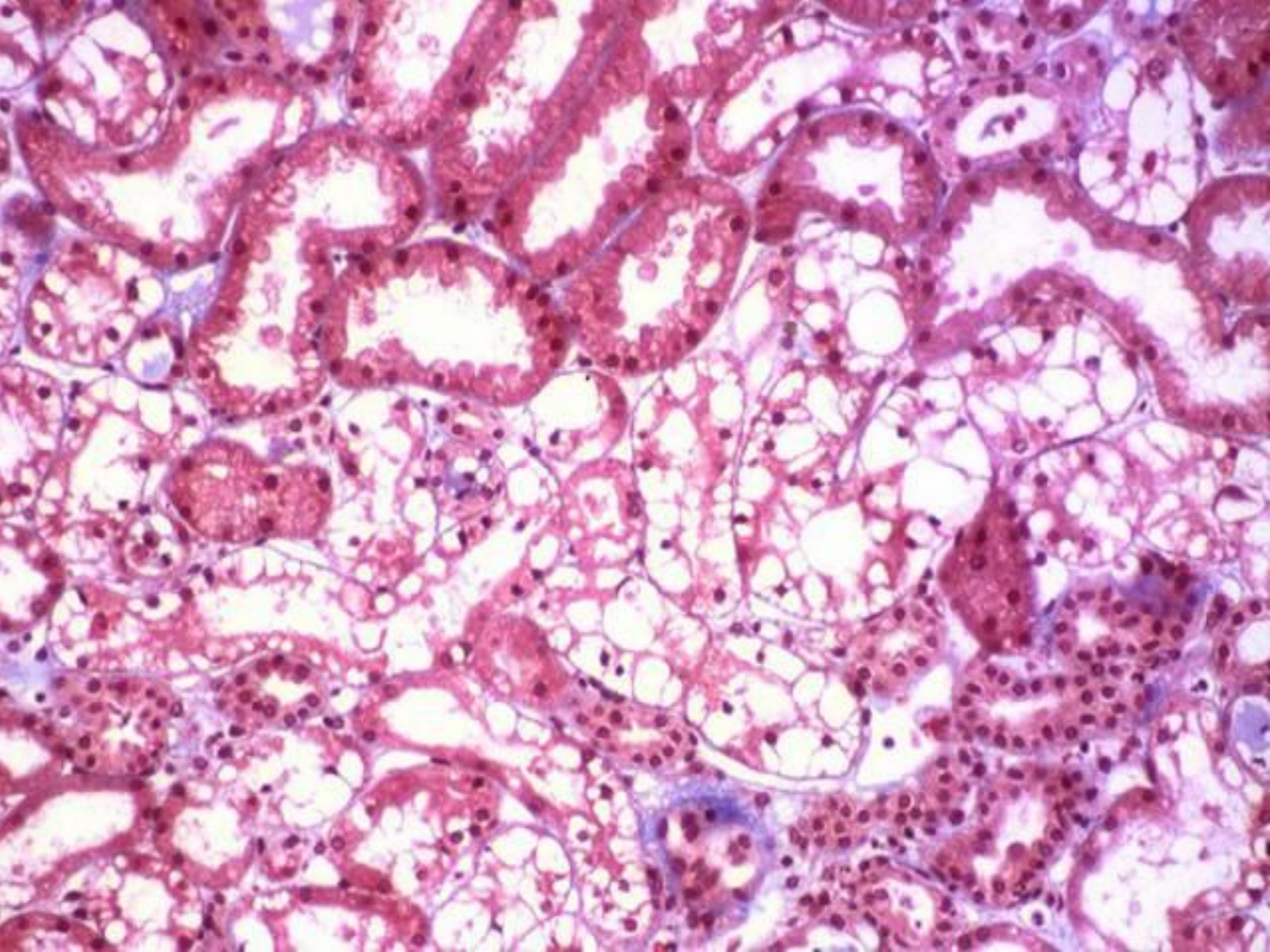
Proximal convoluted tubule

Distal convoluted tubule

Tubular injury

Cast obstructing lumen





25 yr male without any PMH goes for a hike. He presents to the ER w/ AKI (Cr 2).

The FeNa is pending.

On the UA, he has 6-10 granular casts/hpf

What's the likelihood ratio he has ATN?

A. 0.1

B. 2.3

C. 5.5

D. 9.7

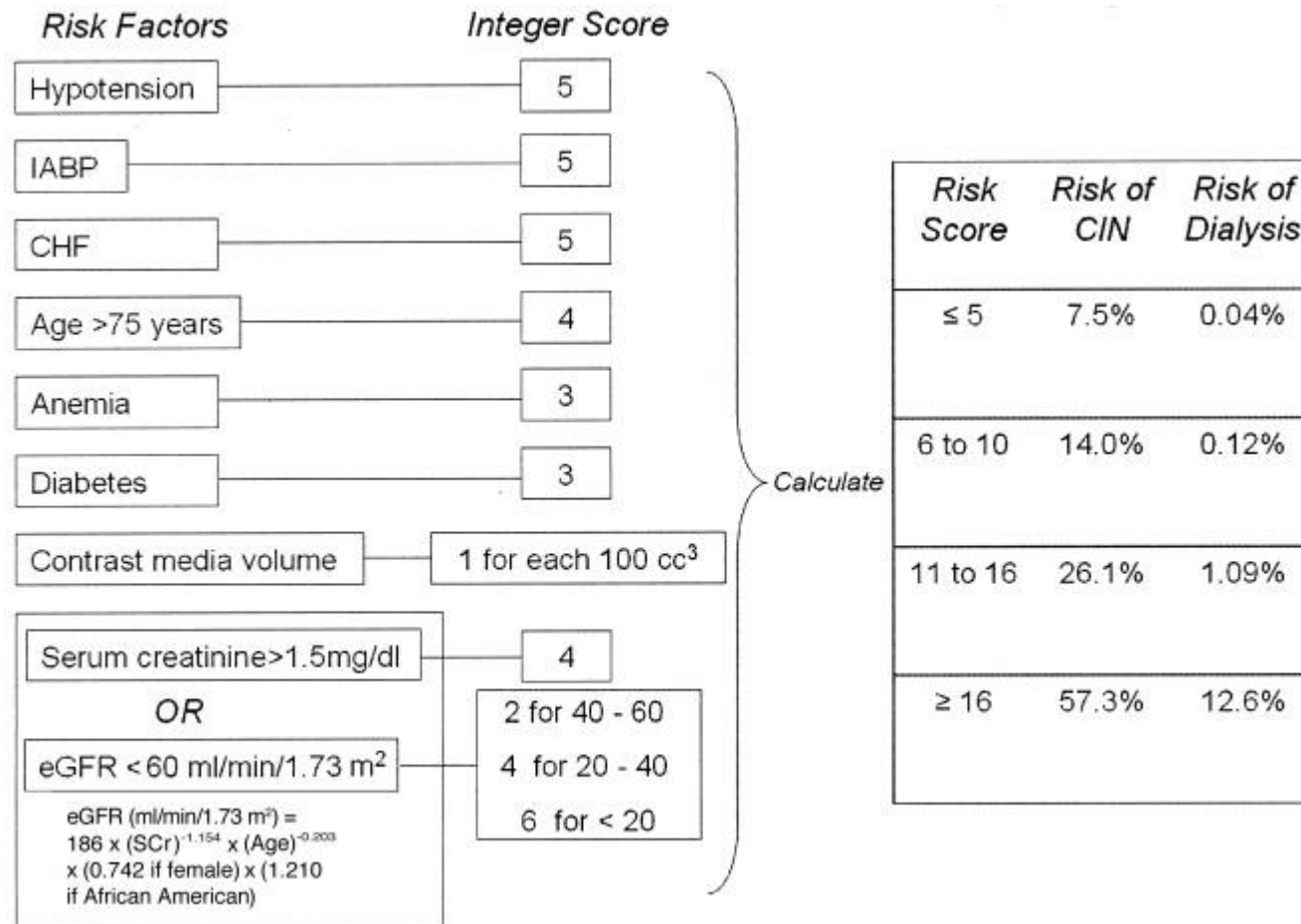
Likelihood ratio (LR) of ATN vs pre-renal azotemia on the basis of the number of granular casts in urinary sediment

Granular casts/hpf	LR for ATN	LR for pre-renal
0	0.23	4.35
1-5	2.97	0.34
6-10	9.68	0.1

66 yr white male w/ DM, HTN, CAD, CKD stage 3, baseline Cr = 1.5, undergoes an elective coronary angiography

How likely is this patient to develop AKI needing dialysis?

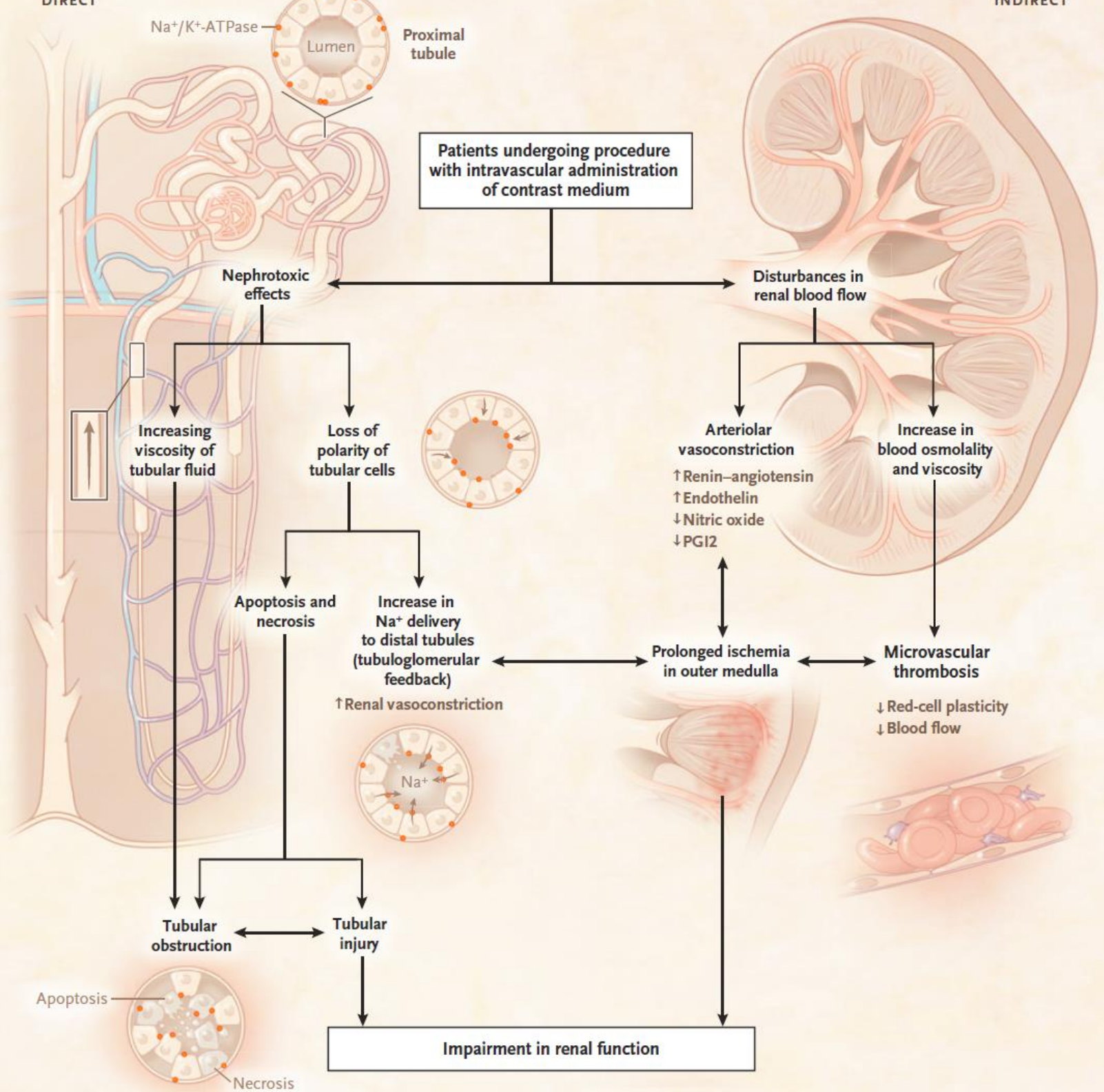
- A. 10%
- B. 8%
- C. 5%
- D. < 1%
- E. < 0.1%



Mehran et al. A Simple Risk Score for Prediction of Contrast-Induced Nephropathy After Percutaneous Coronary Intervention J Am Coll Cardiol 2004;44:1393-9.

DIRECT

INDIRECT



What can you do to prevent contrast-associated acute kidney injury?

Pick all applicable answers

- A. Use less volume of IV dye
- B. Use iso-osmolar IV dye
- C. Use 0.9% saline
- D. Use N-acetylcysteine
- E. Use dialysis after giving the IV dye

- Use iodixanol
- Use lower doses of contrast and avoid repetitive, closely spaced studies (eg, <48 hours apart)
- 0.9% NS X 1 mL/kg/hour for 6 to 12 hours preprocedure, intraprocedure, and for 6 to 12 hours postprocedure.

Mehran et al. Contrast-Associated Acute Kidney Injury. [May 30, 2019](#)
N Engl J Med 2019; 380:2146-2155

66 yr white male w/ DM, HTN, CAD admitted to an OSH w/ E Coli UTI, developed E Coli bacteremia and Shock (on vaso + levo) transferred to BUMC w/

- No UO x 12 hrs (despite IVF)
- Cr 4 (baseline 0.9)
- K 6.5

Should we start dialysis?

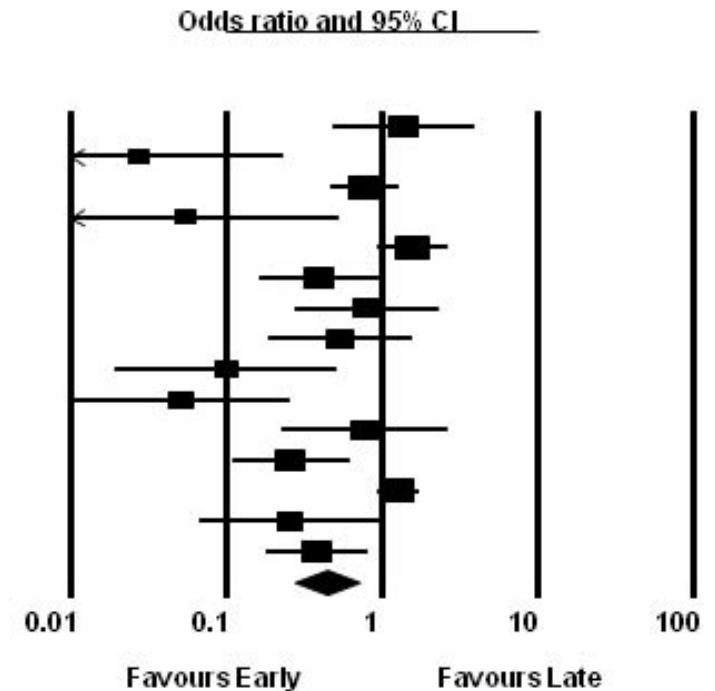
- A. No
- B. Yes

Accepted indications

- Refractory fluid overload
- Hyperkalemia (plasma potassium concentration >6.5 meq/L) or rapidly rising potassium levels
- Signs of uremia, eg pericarditis, neuropathy, or an otherwise unexplained AMS
- Metabolic acidosis (pH less than 7.1)
- Certain alcohol and drug intoxications
- Optimal timing based on BUN/Cr is unclear

Meta Analysis: All 15 studies

Study name	Subgroup within study	Statistics for each study				
		Odds ratio	Lower limit	Upper limit	Z-Value	p-Value
Bouman 2002	Mixed	1.375	0.487	3.884	0.601	0.548
Sugahara 2004	Surgery	0.028	0.003	0.231	-3.318	0.001
Liu 2006	Mixed	0.773	0.460	1.298	-0.974	0.330
Sabater 2008	Mixed	0.055	0.006	0.524	-2.520	0.012
Bagshaw 2010*	Mixed	1.563	0.933	2.619	1.697	0.090
Gettings 1999	Surgery	0.399	0.164	0.973	-2.019	0.043
Elahi 2004	Surgery	0.800	0.273	2.341	-0.407	0.684
Demirkilic 2004	Surgery	0.533	0.183	1.552	-1.154	0.249
Andrade 2007	Mixed	0.100	0.019	0.515	-2.752	0.006
Manche 2008	Surgery	0.051	0.010	0.256	-3.623	0.000
Iyem 2009	Surgery	0.778	0.229	2.644	-0.403	0.687
Shiao 2009	Surgery	0.260	0.110	0.614	-3.075	0.002
Bagshaw 2009 adj	Mixed	1.250	0.915	1.708	1.401	0.161
Wu 2007 adj	Surgical	0.259	0.068	0.988	-1.977	0.048
Carl 2010 adj	Mixed	0.380	0.177	0.816	-2.482	0.013
		0.446	0.276	0.723	-3.279	0.001



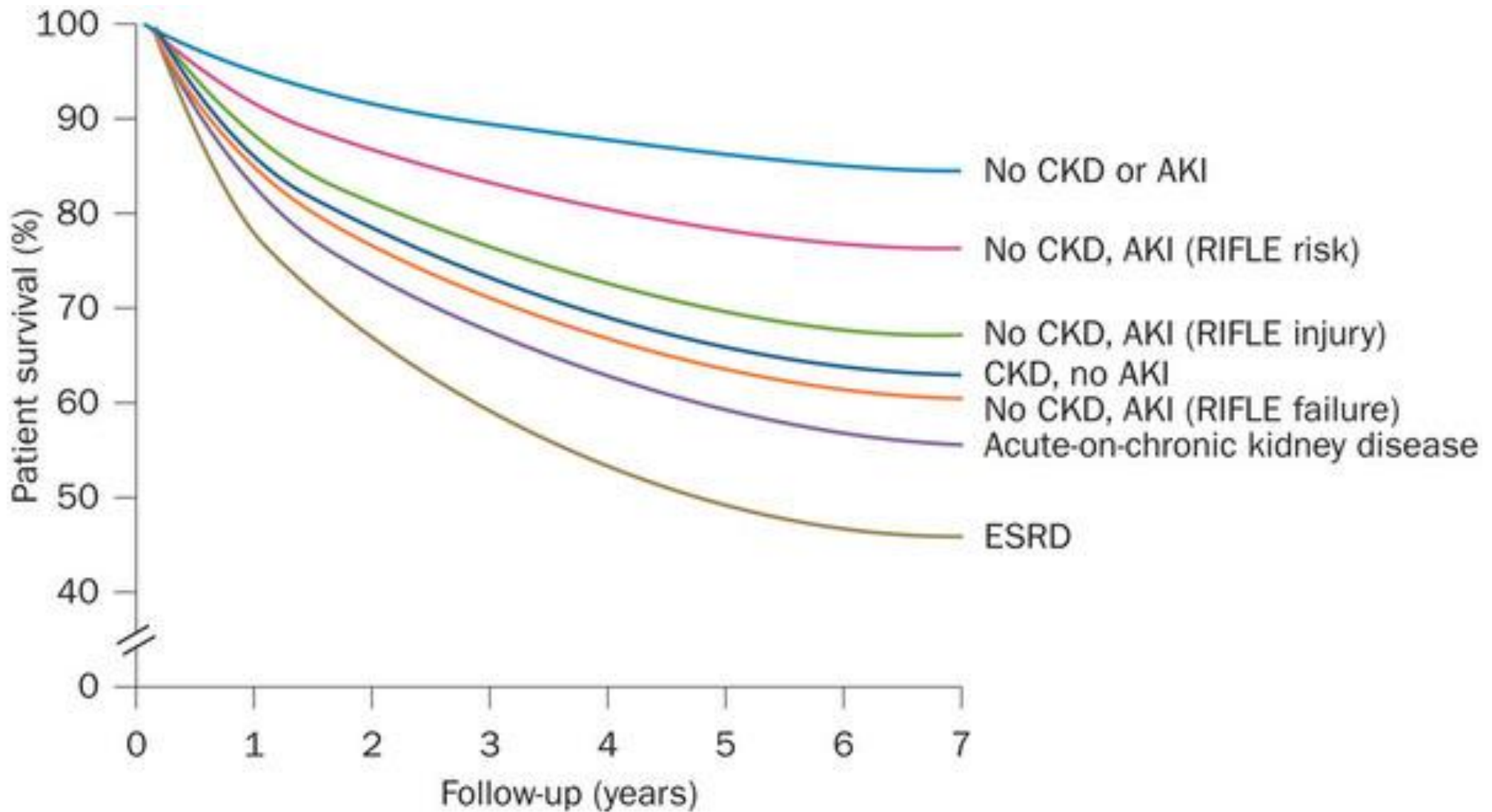
Meta Analysis

Karvellas, Constantine J., et al. "A comparison of early versus late initiation of renal replacement therapy in critically ill patients with acute kidney injury: a systematic review and meta-analysis." *Crit Care* 15.1 (2011): R72.

66 yr white male w/ DM, HTN, CAD, CKD stage 3, baseline Cr = 1.5, undergoes an elective coronary angiography and develops AKI. His Cr improves back to baseline at the time of discharge

How likely is he to survive 7 years after discharge (compared to controls)?

- A. 100% (same as controls)
- B. 90%
- C. 80%
- D. 60%



Wu et al, acute on chronic kidney injury at hospital discharge is associated with long-term dialysis and mortality, KI, Aug 2011

Questions?